

REMARKS

Claims 2, 6, 11, and 17-19 are pending. The Office Action mailed July 27, 2007 rejects claims 1, 2, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bramnick (U.S. Patent No. 5,903,753) in view of Bhat (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0055809) and Traversat (U.S. Patent No. 6,854,115), rejects claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bramnick in view of Bhat and Traversat and further in view of Xu (U.S. Patent No. 6,18,743), and allows claims 11 and 17. This Amendment cancels claims 1 and 16, amends claims 2 and 6, and adds new claims 18-23. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed; no new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections applied to claims 1, 2, 6, and 16. However, to advance prosecution of this application, claims 1 and 16 are canceled, rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Claims 2 and 6 are amended to depend from claim 11, which the Examiner indicates is allowable.¹ New claims 22 and 23 also depend from claim 11. Therefore, claims 2, 6, 22, and 23 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 11. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

New claims 18-21 depend from claim 17, which the Examiner indicates is allowable. These claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 17, and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

¹ The Office Action indicates that claims 11 and 17 are rejected on the cover sheet, but indicates that they are allowable on page 6. In a phone conversation conducted September 18, 2007, Examiner Truong confirmed that these claims are allowed.

Conclusion

Based on the above remarks, Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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